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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Whereas, the above named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 380: Planning Permit, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act is authorized, with the following amendment to the rule. The department shall amend the rule prior to final adoption to require that a planning permit be reviewed at least every 5 years for conformance with department rules and be amended to conform with department rules in effect at the time of review.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective May 16, 1997.

CHAPTER 32

H.P. 995 - L.D. 1387

Resolve, to Authorize the Lincoln County Commissioners to Borrow Not More Than $400,000 to Build the Lincoln County Communications Center

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Lincoln County has limited space to provide for a necessary communications and 9-1-1 system; and

Whereas, the need exists for an expanded communications system in Lincoln County; and

Whereas, the county commissioners must begin the necessary preparation for the borrowing of money; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. To authorize the borrowing of money. Resolved: That the Lincoln County commissioners are authorized to borrow and expend a sum not to exceed $400,000 for construction of a communications and 9-1-1 center located in Lincoln County.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective May 20, 1997.

CHAPTER 33

S.P. 435 - L.D. 1381

Resolve, to Require a Study of Training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene a study group to examine issues related to training in sudden infant death syndrome, referred to in this resolve as "SIDS." The study group must include representatives of SIDS parents, a statewide SIDS organization, professionals with expertise in SIDS or infant death grieving and SIDS training and representatives of law enforcement, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and members of the public. The study group shall review training in SIDS for law enforcement personnel, training in SIDS at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and in the certification courses for emergency medical services personnel. All meetings of the study group must be public meetings. The study group shall submit a report and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 1, 1997.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 34

H.P. 828 - L.D. 1133

Resolve, to Ensure Quality Care to Residents of Nursing Facilities through the Establishment of a Task Force on Minimum Staffing